

NEWSLETTER NUMBER 3

Welcome to the third bulletin from the Management Council giving information about the issues that were discussed at the August Management Council meeting.

BAR OPERATIONS

By now you will have seen some new faces behind the bar and, possibly had something to eat from the new bar menu.

Club Solutions Ltd, managed by Gerry Palmer, are now running our bar operations and supplying our staffing needs. This means that the Club no longer has any employees which was the major reason for the change.

Club Solutions now share the risk of downturns in business due to poor weather affecting sporting schedules which was the main cause of our financial problems..

You may have heard all sorts of rumours about the last stock-takes prior to the commencement of the new operation. Unfortunately, we have not been able to get to the bottom of the reported stock shortages and we will have to write them off as a single bad experience. To our knowledge, this is the first time that this has ever happened and so, in some ways, we have been lucky. Managing our managers has never been easy, particularly so as we have been without a bar committee for a number of years. The contract with Club Solutions contains clauses that we hope will give us protection against this happening in the future.

CLUBHOUSE REDEVELOPMENT

The final stages of negotiation have been reached with the developer and it really boils down to two issues that remain to be resolved.

First and foremost is the need for us to have security against the developer going bust or somehow failing to deliver completely on the rebuild work. We are holding out for the monies for this work to be held in what is known as an Es-

crow Account or other secure Account so that we would be able to take control ourselves in the event of this happening.

The second issue concerns the funding of legal costs throughout the project as we certainly don't have the funds available to be able to do this.

We expect to bottom these out in September.

SPORTS SECTIONS

Each sporting section is contributing to the life of the club but Tennis, Bowls and Softball are still looking for new members. If you fancy joining a section please contact either of the under-mentioned people.

Bowls Contact: Martin West : 0208 842 2209

Tennis Contact: Wendy Jenner : 01753 651071

Softball Contact : Julie Spittle : 07811 600474 : info@richingsparksoftball.co.uk

HELP ALWAYS WANTED

No apologies for repeating the last two months' calls to action for volunteers to help try and keep the clubhouse standing and reasonably attractive for the next couple of years. We therefore continue to ask whether any members out there would be willing to volunteer some of their time. Below is a list of the skills we need and if you can offer some help then please drop a note

at the bar addressed to Roger Sprules stating your skill and a point of contact.

Carpentry

Painting / Decorating

Electrical works

General clearing up of grounds and sheds

Welding